

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
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- v. - : **ORDER**
JUAN PABLO DUARTE, :
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Defendant. :
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WHEREAS, defendant JUAN PABLO DUARTE requests to scheduled to enter a guilty plea before Magistrate Judge;

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitates that the proceeding take place remotely;

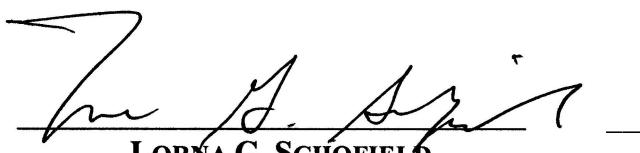
WHEREAS the Court understands that the Magistrate Judge on duty shall hear the defendant's plea by telephone because videoconferencing is not reasonably available;

WHEREAS the CARES Act and findings made by the Judicial Conference of the United States and Chief Judge Colleen McMahon of the Southern District of New York allow for guilty pleas to be taken by phone or video, subject to certain findings made by the District Judge;

THE COURT HEREBY FINDS, that because the defendant has consented to proceeding remotely, and for the reasons set forth in the defendant's application dated October 7, 2020, the plea cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
October 16, 2020


LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE